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BLACK AND WHITE PEPPER:

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WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

## Summary

World pepper production for calendar year 1961 is estimated at 157.7 million pounds, 8 percent below the 1960 harvest of 170.3 million. Production in Asia, where the bulk of the world's pepper is grown, is down, while output in Africa and Latin America has increased.

A further drop in world production is expected for 1962, partially as a result of unfavorable weather in the major producing countries of India and Indonesia.

World exports of pepper during 1960 totaled 93.4 million pounds, compared with 154.8 million in 1959. The biggest decrease was in consignments from Indonesia and Sarawak.

U. S. pepper imports during 1960 totaled 40.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Imports for the first 10 months of 1961 amounted to 30.6 million pounds, compared with 34.8 million for the same period in 1960.

## Production

ASIA: The 1961 crop in India is estimated at 58.2 million pounds, 8 percent below the previous year's harvest. A further production drop is indicated for 1962 due to storm and flood damage in Kerala State, where 95 percent of Indian pepper is produced. About one-third of India's crop is used locally, with present consumption estimated at 21.3 million pounds.

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This circular contains more detailed information than the pepper summary published in the monthly supplement issue of Foreign Crops and Markets of December 28, 1961.

PEPPER, BLACK AND WHITE; Estimated world production for calendar year 1961 with comparisons

| Producing Area        | Average |         | 1955  | 1956  | 1957  | 1958  | 1959  | 1960  | 1961 1/ |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                       | 1935-39 | 1950-54 |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |
| Million pounds        |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |
| Asia:                 |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |
| Indonesia.....        | 128.6   | 19.4    | 40.0  | 52.8  | 52.1  | 48.5  | 52.9  | 57.3  | 50.7    |
| Sarawak.....          | 5.3     | 13.4    | 37.1  | 44.4  | 30.8  | 21.8  | 18.7  | 14.9  | 13.5    |
| India.....            | 33.1    | 58.8    | 58.2  | 61.6  | 61.2  | 57.1  | 58.2  | 62.7  | 58.2    |
| Ceylon.....2/         | 5.0     | 10.5    | 13.5  | 11.3  | 13.7  | 13.4  | 13.1  | 19.0  | 18.0    |
| Other Asia 3/.....    | 11.5    | 4.5     | 3.5   | 4.3   | 4.6   | 4.8   | 5.2   | 5.3   | 5.3     |
| Total Asia.....       | 183.5   | 106.6   | 152.3 | 174.4 | 162.4 | 145.6 | 148.1 | 159.2 | 145.7   |
|                       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |
| Africa 4/.....        | 0.7     | 1.8     | 1.7   | 1.8   | 2.1   | 2.3   | 1.0   | 2.5   | 3.3     |
| Latin America 5/..... | -       | 1.4     | 2.7   | 3.0   | 5.8   | 7.2   | 8.4   | 8.6   | 8.7     |
| World total.....      | 184.2   | 109.8   | 156.7 | 179.2 | 170.3 | 155.1 | 157.5 | 170.3 | 157.7   |

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Foreign Agricultural Service estimate.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes Indochina, Malaya, Thailand.

<sup>4/</sup> Includes the Malagasy Republic and the Republic of the Congo.

<sup>5/</sup> Brazil only.

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Indonesian production for 1961 is placed at 50.7 million pounds, compared with 57.3 million in 1960. A further decrease is forecast for the 1962 crop due to an extended dry period in the important producing area of South Sumatra. Pepper acreage has decreased in the Lampung area due to the removal of old vines and insufficient new plantings. Plans are to increase acreage; it takes several years, however, before the plants produce. On the island of Bangka, where mostly white pepper is produced, both pepper acreage and the quality are declining. This is attributed to inadequate fertilization and to root-rot disease, low prices, and difficulties in disposing of the crop locally and abroad.

Production in Sarawak reached its peak during 1956 when output totaled 44.4 million pounds. Production has since declined to 13.5 million and a further drop is expected in 1962. The decline in Sarawak's pepper industry can be attributed to replanting on poor soils, inadequate fertilization, root-rot, and low prices which reduced planting during the 1954-57 period. In some areas the soil is marginal and can be utilized for pepper growing only as long as favorable prices continue.

The crop in Ceylon is estimated at 18.0 million pounds, slightly below the 1960 outturn of 19.0 million. Most of the harvest is used locally.

AFRICA: African production for 1961 is estimated at 3.3 million pounds, almost doubling the 1950-54 average. Production has been rising due to larger harvests in the Malagasy Republic, where the 1961 crop is estimated at 3.1 million pounds. Output in 1960 amounted to 2.2 million pounds, compared with the previous year's production of 650,000 pounds which was greatly reduced by storm damage. Small quantities of pepper are produced in the Republic of the Congo, but most of the harvest is for domestic consumption.

LATIN AMERICA: Pepper production continues to rise in Brazil, with the 1961 crop of 8.7 million pounds being more than 6 times the 1950-54 average. An even further increase in output is expected for 1962. The State of Para accounts for nearly 93 percent of Brazilian production.

#### World Trade

Pepper exports from India during 1960 totaled 41.3 million pounds, an increase of 21 percent over 1959. The United States and the Soviet Union were the largest customers, taking 16.0 and 7.6 million pounds, respectively. Indian exports during the first half of 1961 amounted to 24.3 million pounds.

Indonesian exports for 1960 were 32.1 million pounds, compared with 91.3 million in 1959 which included stocks from previous years. Unregistered shipments to Singapore during 1960 amounted to 3.5 million pounds of black pepper and 1.3 million of white pepper. The Soviet Union increased its purchases from 220,000 pounds in 1959 to 2.2 million during 1960.



PEPPER, BLACK AND WHITE: World net exports, averages 1935-39, 1950-54; annual 1956 to 1960

| Country of Origin     | Average  |         | 1956    | 1957    | 1958    | 1959    | 1960 1/ |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                       | 1935-39  | 1950-54 |         |         |         |         |         |
|                       | 1,000    | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   |
|                       | pounds   | pounds  | pounds  | pounds  | pounds  | pounds  | pounds  |
| Asia:                 |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indonesia.....        | 128,663  | 17,023  | 51,114  | 45,992  | 46,515  | 91,339  | 32,131  |
| Sarawak.....          | 5,303    | 13,421  | 44,381  | 30,771  | 21,782  | 18,700  | 9,181   |
| India.....            | 2/ 2,349 | 31,353  | 27,388  | 34,551  | 31,616  | 34,081  | 41,295  |
| Ceylon.....           | 70       | 503     | 632     | 681     | 1,603   | 261     | 1,505   |
| Other Asia 3/.....    | 9,522    | 2,249   | 1,605   | 2,214   | 1,290   | 3,093   | 2,688   |
| Total Asia .....      | 145,907  | 64,549  | 125,120 | 114,209 | 102,806 | 147,474 | 86,800  |
| Africa 4/.....        | 475      | 906     | 1,213   | 1,054   | 1,300   | 1,836   | 2,320   |
| Latin America 5/..... | -        | -       | 165     | 1,175   | 1,351   | 5,518   | 4,231   |
| World total.....      | 146,382  | 65,455  | 126,498 | 116,438 | 105,457 | 154,828 | 93,351  |

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Average, April 1, 1935 - March 31, 1940

3/ Includes Indochina, Thailand.

4/ Includes Malagasy Republic, Republic of the Congo.

5/ Brazil only.

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Sarawak's exports during 1960 totaled 9.2 million pounds, compared with 18.7 million for the previous year. Shipments for the first half of 1961 were slightly more than the total 1960 figure, indicating release of stocks. Export duty rates are on a sliding scale so that duties levied when prices are low would be smaller in percent of total price and would be increased percentage-wise when prices rise.

Cambodian exports were 2.6 million pounds during 1960 and 3.1 million in 1959. Shipments from Ceylon amounted to 1.5 million pounds, mostly to the United States. During the first 8 months of 1961 exports totaled only 27,664 pounds.

The Singapore market handles nearly one-third of the world's trade in pepper, with most of the production from Indonesia and Sarawak being channeled through this port. Exports of 48.0 million pounds in 1960 were down 36 percent from the previous year. Black pepper exports were 29.3 million pounds, compared with 43.1 million in 1959, and white pepper dropped to 18.7 million from 22.1 million. During the first half of 1961, imports of both black and white pepper amounted to 26.9 million pounds, and exports totaled 28.7 million.

The Malagasy Republic's exports of pepper amounted to 2.3 million pounds, showing an increase of 35 percent over the 1959 total of 1.7 million.

Brazilian shipments in 1960 amounted to 4.2 million pounds, down 31 percent from the 1959 total of 5.5 million. The United States and West Germany were the primary receivers, taking 29 and 24 percent, respectively. Exports for the first half of 1961 totaled 2.1 million pounds, compared with 2.0 million for the same period in 1960. Argentine purchases have accounted for nearly half of the shipments during this 1961 period, with most of the remainder going to the United Kingdom, West Germany, and the United States.

PRICES: Pepper prices, which reached a peak in 1951 when the yearly average was \$1.69 per pound, declined to an annual average of 26 cents per pound in 1958. Prices started to recover in late 1959 and almost doubled during 1960, when the annual average reached 58.2 cents per pound. During the first 9 months of 1961, prices averaged around 47.2 cents.



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INDONESIA: Exports of Black and White Pepper by country of destination,  
1956 - 1960

| Country of destination                         | 1956   |        | 1957   |        | 1958   |        | 1959   |        | 1960   |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  |
|  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  |
|  | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| Netherlands.....                               | 20     | 521    | 216    | 418    | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| United Kingdom.....                            | 8,894  | 150    | 6,653  | 4,417  | 1,205  | 44     | 20,327 | 210    | 2,438  | 697    |
| West Germany.....                              | -      | 25     | 252    | 287    | -      | -      | 428    | 45     | -      | -      |
| Belgium.....                                   | -      | 180    | -      | 149    | -      | 54     | -      | 86     | -      | 13     |
| United States.....                             | 3,132  | 160    | 5,095  | 272    | 3,737  | -      | 1,558  | -      | 64     | 441    |
| U.S.S.R.....                                   | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | 220    | -      | 2,205  | -      |
| Others.....                                    | 718    | 117    | 2,020  | 415    | 712    | 11     | 304    | 1      | 104    | 2      |
| Total Registered Exports (Less Singapore.....) | 12,764 | 1,153  | 14,236 | 5,958  | 5,698  | 65     | 22,837 | 342    | 4,811  | 1,153  |
| Registered Exports to Singapore.....           | 3,701  | 23,870 | 3,071  | 14,325 | 15,947 | 5,019  | 28,537 | 11,398 | 19,480 | 1,836  |
| Unregistered Exports to Singapore.....         | 8,433  | 1,193  | 7,704  | 698    | 13,934 | 5,852  | 27,517 | 708    | 3,540  | 1,311  |
| TOTAL EXPORTS.....                             | 24,898 | 26,216 | 25,011 | 20,981 | 35,579 | 10,936 | 78,891 | 12,448 | 27,831 | 4,300  |

Source: Official Trade Statistics of Indonesia and Federation of Malaya.



SARAWAK: Black and White Pepper Exports, by country of destination, annual 1956-1960

| Country of destination     | 1956    |         | 1957    |         | 1958    |         | 1959    |         | 1960    |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                            | Black   | White   | Black   | White   | Black   | White   | Black   | White   | Black   | White   |
|                            | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000   |
|                            | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: | pounds: |
| Singapore.....             | 33,804  | 4,708   | 21,533  | 3,646   | 7,991   | 7,329   | 3,465   | 11,747  | 1,560   | 6,822   |
| United Kingdom.....        | 53      | 746     | 150     | 407     | 184     | 1,712   | 87      | 1,176   | -       | 189     |
| Netherlands.....           | -       | 2       | 100     | 25      | 209     | 81      | -       | 188     | -       | 22      |
| Germany, West.....         | 94      | 331     | 631     | 662     | 377     | 1,581   | 45      | 1,127   | -       | 336     |
| United States.....         | 4,092   | 16      | 2,636   | 9       | 470     | 78      | -       | 105     | -       | -       |
| Canada.....                | 81      | 118     | 55      | 91      | 130     | 121     | 11      | 77      | -       | 34      |
| Hong Kong.....             | -       | 7       | 8       | 7       | 5       | -       | -       | 1/      | -       | 15      |
| Japan.....                 | 34      | -       | -       | -       | 29      | 31      | -       | 36      | 9       | 11      |
| New Zealand.....           | -       | 182     | -       | 148     | 5       | 168     | 11      | 87      | 4       | 62      |
| Morocco.....               | -       | -       | -       | -       | 473     | -       | 386     | -       | -       | -       |
| Belgium.....               | -       | -       | 2       | -       | 5       | 11      | -       | 11      | -       | 5       |
| France.....                | 6       | 18      | 19      | 23      | 33      | 190     | -       | 6       | -       | 11      |
| Italy.....                 | -       | -       | 156     | 14      | 185     | 30      | -       | 54      | -       | 18      |
| Sweden.....                | -       | 19      | 8       | 39      | 7       | 66      | -       | 22      | -       | 20      |
| Union of South Africa..... | -       | -       | -       | -       | 31      | 22      | -       | 56      | -       | 56      |
| Others.....                | 37      | 33      | 326     | 76      | 144     | 84      | -       | 3       | 7       | -       |
| TOTAL.....                 | 38,201  | 6,180   | 25,624  | 5,147   | 10,278  | 11,504  | 4,005   | 14,695  | 1,580   | 7,601   |

1/ Less than 500 pounds.

Source: Annual Trade Statistics of Sarawak.

INDIA: Pepper exports by country of destination, 1956 - 1960

| Country of destination    | 1956   | 1957   | 1958   | 1959   | 1960   |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                           | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  | 1,000  |
|                           | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds | pounds |
| United States . . . . .   | 13,606 | 11,540 | 8,552  | 11,427 | 16,042 |
| U. S. S. R. . . . .       | 4,480  | 10,993 | 10,640 | 6,823  | 7,652  |
| Italy . . . . .           | 2,687  | 1,822  | 2,790  | 2,982  | 3,103  |
| Canada . . . . .          | 1,436  | 1,593  | 1,832  | 1,921  | 1,631  |
| West Germany . . . . .    | 890    | 617    | 1,705  | 1,184  | 557    |
| United Kingdom . . . . .  | 229    | 243    | 66     | 184    | 306    |
| France . . . . .          | 38     | 488    | 22     | -      | 339    |
| Netherlands . . . . .     | 1/     | 34     | 239    | 48     | 91     |
| Singapore . . . . .       | 1/     | 626    | 78     | 374    | 1,208  |
| Morocco . . . . .         | 15     | 191    | -      | 159    | 352    |
| Egypt . . . . .           | 98     | 735    | 256    | -      | 605    |
| Hungary . . . . .         | 1/     | 157    | 656    | 459    | 461    |
| Poland . . . . .          | 1/     | 1,310  | 269    | 1,882  | 538    |
| East Germany . . . . .    | 1/     | 477    | 675    | 703    | 1,362  |
| Yugoslavia . . . . .      | 1/     | 157    | 414    | 700    | 1,120  |
| Czechoslovakia . . . . .  | 1,159  | 286    | 748    | 1,933  | 1,335  |
| Bulgaria . . . . .        | 1/     | 150    | 369    | 291    | 45     |
| Roumania . . . . .        | 1/     | 885    | 528    | 954    | 1,781  |
| China . . . . .           | 148    | 22     | -      | -      | -      |
| Other countries . . . . . | 2,302  | 2,225  | 1,777  | 2,057  | 2,767  |
| TOTAL . . . . .           | 27,388 | 34,551 | 31,616 | 34,081 | 41,295 |

1/ If any included with others.

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics of India.

MALAYA AND SINGAPORE: Imports and Exports of Black and White Pepper, by country of origin and country of destination, 1956 to 1960

IMPORTS

| Country of origin        | 1956   |        | 1957   |        | 1958   |        | 1959   |        | 1960   |       |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|                          | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White |
| Thousand pounds          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Thailand.....            | -      | -      | 118    | -      | -      | 49     | -      | -      | -      | 64    |
| Brunei.....              | 11     | 59     | 6      | 101    | 3      | -      | 3      | 102    | 5      | -     |
| Ceylon.....              | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | 34     | -     |
| North Borneo.....        | 4      | 138    | 6      | 56     | 14     | 35     | 3      | 39     | 1      | 79    |
| Saravak.....             | 35,462 | 4,647  | 21,988 | 3,594  | 8,406  | 7,144  | 3,566  | 11,534 | 1,544  | 6,642 |
| India.....               | 224    | -      | 849    | -      | 56     | -      | 263    | -      | 1,147  | 18    |
| Bangka and Billiton..... | 156    | 19,535 | 481    | 10,275 | 288    | 10,579 | -      | 11,515 | 309    | 1,558 |
| Borneo.....              | 156    | 1,454  | 62     | 2,073  | -      | 308    | -      | 377    | 30     | 454   |
| Java.....                | 6      | 424    | 175    | 161    | 735    | 346    | 8,357  | 444    | 106    | 697   |
| Riouw and Lingga.....    | 20     | 80     | 25     | 93     | 17     | 26     | 5      | 44     | 2      | 25    |
| Sumatra.....             | 11,910 | 403    | 10,073 | 164    | 25,209 | 531    | 48,959 | 256    | 22,573 | 362   |
| Bali and Lombok.....     | -      | 53     | -      | -      | 533    | 42     | 23     | 33     | -      | 22    |
| Indonesia nes.....       | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | 29    |
| Total.....               | 47,949 | 26,793 | 33,783 | 16,517 | 35,261 | 19,060 | 61,179 | 24,344 | 25,751 | 9,950 |

EXPORTS

| Country of destination     | 1956   |        | 1957   |        | 1958   |        | 1959   |        | 1960   |        |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                            | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  | Black  | White  |
| Thousand pounds            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| United Kingdom.....        | 4,712  | 10,529 | 2,275  | 6,276  | 1,147  | 6,004  | 1,667  | 9,506  | 1,703  | 10,905 |
| Canada.....                | 785    | 278    | 574    | 318    | 464    | 232    | 459    | 263    | 1,047  | 247    |
| Australia.....             | 466    | 1,493  | 286    | 910    | 317    | 1,199  | 334    | 1,307  | 302    | 1,041  |
| Union of South Africa..... | -      | 654    | -      | 774    | -      | 798    | -      | 717    | 147    | 652    |
| France.....                | 737    | 677    | 1,135  | 1,460  | 533    | 936    | 89     | 768    | 114    | 542    |
| West Germany.....          | 2,053  | 2,919  | 1,542  | 2,201  | 2,048  | 2,964  | 2,194  | 2,335  | 1,241  | 726    |
| Belgium.....               | -      | 1,401  | -      | 522    | -      | 820    | -      | 747    | 102    | 358    |
| Italy.....                 | 1,609  | 533    | 651    | 351    | 592    | 315    | 456    | 417    | 961    | 289    |
| Netherlands.....           | 1,389  | 2,080  | 712    | 1,420  | 320    | 1,056  | 750    | 780    | 394    | 432    |
| Spain.....                 | 502    | -      | 646    | -      | 413    | -      | 380    | -      | 788    | 141    |
| Morocco.....               | 4,494  | -      | 4,147  | -      | 2,886  | -      | 2,785  | -      | 1,534  | 10     |
| French Africa.....         | 1,591  | -      | 2,353  | -      | 2,270  | -      | 176    | -      | 1,730  | 9      |
| United States.....         | 12,435 | 2,676  | 11,393 | 2,560  | 19,835 | 2,778  | 25,166 | 3,062  | 13,208 | 1,566  |
| Others.....                | 11,292 | 5,230  | 11,100 | 3,188  | 9,806  | 2,606  | 8,618  | 2,218  | 6,016  | 1,811  |
| Total.....                 | 42,065 | 28,470 | 36,814 | 19,980 | 40,631 | 19,708 | 43,074 | 22,120 | 29,287 | 18,729 |

Source: Annual Statistics of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore.

PEPPER, UNGROUND BLACK AND WHITE: U. S. imports by country of origin, average 1950-54, annual 1956-1961

Black pepper

| Country of origin | Average<br>1950-1954 | 1956     | 1957     | 1958     | 1959     | 1960     | 1961 1/  |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                   | : 1,000              | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  |
|                   | : pounds             | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds |
| India.....        | 21,282               | 16,497   | 12,741   | 7,293    | 7,295    | 21,135   | 10,739   |
| Indonesia.....    | 4,602                | 7,641    | 13,912   | 23,336   | 24,719   | 12,644   | 15,319   |
| Malaya.....       | 3,075                | 11,716   | 4,594    | 2,014    | 582      | 34       | 297      |
| Ceylon.....       | 350                  | 494      | 524      | 1,343    | 57       | 1,302    | 45       |
| Brazil.....       | -                    | 110      | 772      | 684      | 1,421    | 1,191    | 1,172    |
| Other.....        | 169                  | 49       | 15       | 2        | 893      | 662      | 522      |
| Total.....        | 29,478               | 36,507   | 32,558   | 34,672   | 34,967   | 36,968   | 28,094   |

White pepper

| Country of origin        | Average<br>1950-1954 | 1956     | 1957     | 1958     | 1959     | 1960     | 1961 1/  |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                          | : 1,000              | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  | : 1,000  |
|                          | : pounds             | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds | : pounds |
| Indonesia.....           | 1,293                | 2,947    | 2,260    | 3,016    | 2,254    | 2,455    | 2,074    |
| Malaya.....              | 103                  | 191      | 129      | 51       | -        | -        | -        |
| Brazil.....              | -                    | -        | -        | -        | 116      | 504      | 331      |
| Other.....               | 12                   | -        | 12       | 339      | 233      | 203      | 73       |
| Total.....               | 1,408                | 3,138    | 2,401    | 3,406    | 2,603    | 3,167    | 2,478    |
| Total black & white..... | 30,886               | 39,645   | 34,959   | 38,078   | 37,570   | 40,135   | 30,572   |

1/ First 10 months only.

Source: Compiled from records of the Bureau of Census.



PEPPER, BLACK: Average wholesale price per pound, bagged, carlots, f.o.b. New York, by months,

January 1940 - August 1961

| Year      | Jan.        | Feb.        | Mar.        | Apr.        | May         | June        | July        | Aug.        | Sept.       | Oct.        | Nov.        | Dec.        | Average     |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1940..... | cents : 4.3 | cents : 4.2 | cents : 4.3 | cents : 4.2 | cents : 4.0 | cents : 3.8 | cents : 3.8 | cents : 4.0 | cents : 4.1 | cents : 4.2 | cents : 4.2 | cents : 4.4 | cents : 4.1 |
| 1941..... | 4.4         | 4.7         | 6.3         | 6.5         | 7.2         | 6.2         | 6.1         | 6.5         | 6.4         | 6.2         | 6.2         | 6.5         | 6.1         |
| 1942..... | 6.6         | 6.5         | 6.5         | 6.5         | 6.5         | 6.5         | 6.4         | 6.5         | 6.6         | 6.6         | 6.7         | 6.7         | 6.6         |
| 1943..... | 6.7         | 6.7         | 6.7         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         |
| 1944..... | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 6.8         | 9.4         | 10.0        | 10.0        | 7.5         |
| 1945..... | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        |
| 1946..... | 10.0        | 10.0        | 12.5        | 15.0        | 15.0        | 15.0        | 39.2        | 51.6        | 70.5        | 78.0        | 82.0        | 64.7        | 38.6        |
| 1947..... | 53.9        | 54.2        | 53.7        | 41.8        | 31.4        | 32.6        | 33.2        | 35.1        | 39.8        | 52.8        | 54.8        | 46.4        | 44.1        |
| 1948..... | 44.2        | 42.3        | 40.7        | 44.9        | 47.2        | 54.9        | 57.8        | 73.3        | 83.8        | 94.9        | 82.6        | 79.9        | 62.2        |
| 1949..... | 68.2        | 67.2        | 86.3        | 89.9        | 89.1        | 102.5       | 109.8       | 134.2       | 128.5       | 133.4       | 131.4       | 133.4       | 106.1       |
| 1950..... | 129.8       | 144.4       | 144.8       | 140.9       | 140.9       | 116.9       | 171.4       | 265.6       | 214.4       | 169.8       | 151.2       | 158.5       | 162.4       |
| 1951..... | 174.4       | 189.8       | 163.4       | 165.9       | 163.2       | 165.5       | 168.5       | 177.1       | 177.0       | 168.3       | 165.9       | 153.5       | 169.3       |
| 1952..... | 134.0       | 144.0       | 147.5       | 110.0       | 131.5       | 152.0       | 185.5       | 177.0       | 190.0       | 173.5       | 162.5       | 137.0       | 153.7       |
| 1953..... | 113.5       | 122.0       | 150.0       | 144.0       | 146.0       | 143.0       | 130.0       | 125.0       | 130.0       | 125.0       | 95.0        | 110.0       | 127.8       |
| 1954..... | 102.0       | 92.0        | 89.0        | 77.0        | 69.5        | 51.0        | 63.0        | 102.0       | 76.0        | 61.0        | 50.5        | 45.5        | 73.2        |
| 1955..... | 41.0        | 46.0        | 45.0        | 45.5        | 49.5        | 52.8        | 50.3        | 45.0        | 43.5        | 42.5        | 39.0        | 37.8        | 44.8        |
| 1956..... | 35.5        | 33.0        | 32.0        | 29.5        | 28.8        | 31.0        | 30.5        | 36.0        | 34.0        | 29.0        | 30.0        | 28.5        | 31.5        |
| 1957..... | 26.0        | 29.0        | 26.0        | 27.0        | 28.5        | 30.5        | 27.0        | 27.5        | 27.0        | 25.0        | 25.5        | 25.8        | 27.1        |
| 1958..... | 24.5        | 23.5        | 24.5        | 26.8        | 26.0        | 26.3        | 29.0        | 28.3        | 27.5        | 25.5        | 26.0        | 24.3        | 26.0        |
| 1959..... | 24.5        | 25.8        | 26.0        | 26.5        | 25.8        | 25.8        | 25.8        | 29.3        | 32.3        | 32.0        | 40.0        | 50.5        | 30.3        |
| 1960..... | 73.0        | 60.0        | 58.0        | 62.0        | 54.5        | 68.0        | 66.0        | 58.0        | 55.0        | 46.0        | 55.0        | 43.0        | 58.2        |
| 1961..... | 48.0        | 46.5        | 50.0        | 48.0        | 47.0        | 47.8        | 46.5        | 45.5        | 46.0        | -           | -           | -           | -           |

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